

THE BIG LAGOON.

An Interesting Formation on the Northern Coast of California.

On the northern coast of California, some thirty miles below the mouth of the Klamath river, is one of the most interesting natural formations to be found in this country, known as the Big Lagoon. Here the coast, which runs north and south up to this point, takes a sharp turn inland, bordered by very high hills, running to a distance of about three miles, then turning out again makes a sharp bay almost V shaped, and for ages past a sand bar has been washing itself up across this bay until the bar has raised up out of the water some ten or twelve feet, having a width of about 100 feet and a length of four miles, reaching across the entire bay.

This bar is in the shape of a roof. When there is a storm the breakers will roll up one side of it, break over, and run down into the bay inside, and it is a novel sight to stand there and watch the waters, mountain high on one side and perfectly calm on the other, the line between the two at intervals hidden altogether.

This bar is a sort of short cut and can be traversed on horseback. In a storm the horseman will one minute be high and dry on land, the next minute a large wave will roll up and running under the horse's feet to the depth of a foot or more, the rider will be for an instant four miles or so at sea on horseback, with no land nearer than the high bluffs of the mainland in sight.

Moss agates may be found in abundance on the pebbly beach, and when the sun shines they glitter with dazzling brightness.

The wild duck that frequent this part of the coast literally fill this inland bay, and the passing hunter, should he take a shot at them, will raise such a cloud and such a quacking that he will think all the ducks of the earth have gathered there. Occasionally some wild beast like a bear or a panther will be found crossing this bar, and the Indians have much sport when such a thing happens, the animal rarely escaping capture or death.

Here the Digger Indians abound, living on the shellfish, which they catch along the beach, seldom going over the ridge of hills to capture a deer, which are plentiful. It would astonish a Yale or Harvard football man to come upon this scene some bright morning at low tide and see the squaws and children playing lacrosse on the beach. They get so excited with their sport that they keep it up until the tide drives them from the beach, often staying there until they have to chase the ball down into the surf. —Detroit Free Press.

What Is Electricity?

If the question is now asked, "What is electricity?" we may reply advantageously, in the words of Jokai: A thing of which we know a little more than nothing and a little less than something. A little more than nothing, for we know that it is of the nature of light and heat, extending itself like them in waves of motion. A little less than something, for the essence of electricity itself, whether static or dynamic, we are still absolutely in the dark. There has been no want of other theories, but the fundamental tendency of the age is to reduce all phenomena and forces to the fewest possible primaries, and it is not improbable that this will be facilitated by the wave theory of the so called ether.

The problem of gravitation, too, which was so long regarded as a force acting from a distance, is now equally attributed to the agency of a medium. In his efforts to demonstrate the oneness of all natural forces, the physicist is not likely to be led astray, even although the cognition of force presents one of those world problems, the solution of which must forever escape us; aye, although, as the final result of the most exact investigation, it should forever be denied to him even to assert decisively, "It is only a force, and the ether is its medium of transmission." —Exchange.

Verdi and His Admirer.

Verdi was traveling in the same railway carriage with General Tournon, commander of the Ravenna district. They got into conversation, which soon turned on the subject of music, and the general, who did not know his companion, expressed a most enthusiastic preference for that of Italy. "I can hardly go so far with you," replied the other. "For me, art has no frontiers, and I give German music the preference over Italian."

"Indeed, sir," said the general testily. "For my part, I would give all the German operas in the world for one act of Rigoletto."

"You really must excuse me from following you any further on this ground," replied the composer, blushing a little. "I am Verdi." —Monde Artist.

Psychic Influence.

The other day a woman was building with great deliberation a dialect story. Suddenly she felt her attention called to the corner of the room. There she saw a friend who lives in Washington seated with loved head, crying. The story writer called out the visitor's name, and the vision fled. Immediately, on her manuscript paper, this woman wrote her friend, detailing the circumstance.

The next day she received a letter from her friend, saying: "A queer thing has just happened to me. I was sitting in my room crying when I distinctly heard you call my name." The two letters had crossed each other in transit. —New York Evening Sun.

Amazon and Amazon.

"Who's the large lady over there raising a row with the waiter?" inquired a guest at the hotel of the landlord. "Oh," was the good natured reply, "that's my wife."

"Ah, indeed; she's a perfect Amazon, isn't she?"

"Well, mighty nigh it, responded the landlord reflectively. Her mouth ain't quiet so big, perhaps, but she talks a heap sight more." —Detroit Free Press.



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O. McDowell et als., Defendants. Pl. Fa., for

sale of mortgaged premises.

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facias, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by

public vendue, at the Court House in Newark,

on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of April next,

at two o'clock P. M., all that tract or parcel of

land and premises situate, lying and being in

the township of Bloomfield, Essex County, New

Jersey:

Beginning on the southerly side of Canal Street

at the northeast corner of lands of Uzal D. Ward

thence (1) in a southerly direction, along the line

of said Uzal D. Ward one hundred and sixty-one

and three eighths feet more or less; thence (2)

in an easterly direction along the line of said Uzal

D. Ward one hundred and sixty-five feet more

or less; thence (3) in a northerly direction and in

a straight line to a point in Canal Street, being

one hundred and forty-nine feet and eight inches

more or less from the place of beginning; thence

(4) in a westerly direction along the southerly

side of Canal Street one hundred and forty-nine

feet and eight inches more or less to the place of

beginning.

Excepting and reserving therefrom the place

described premises:

Beginning at a point in the division line be-

tween lands formerly owned by Uzal D. Ward

and lands of Augustus W. McDowell, said point

being sixty-two feet on a course south eighteen

degrees fifteen minutes west from the southerly

side line of Canal Street; thence (1) following the

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